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SUBJECT:REPORTED GOG ARMS SCANDAL

1. AUGUST 28 WASHINGTON POST CARRIES EVANS AND NOVAK ARTICLE REPORTING ALLEGED MISUSE OF U.S. MILITARY AID BY PREVIOUS GREEK REGIME. REPORTEDLY KARAMANLIS AND MAVROS ARE CONVINCED THAT PREVIOUS REGIME WAS PREPARING FOR WAR AGAINST TURKEY BUT THAT MILITARY STORES, INCLUDING RIFLES, MACHINE GUNS, AMMUNITION ROCKETS, AND BOOTS WERE FOUND TO BE INADEQUATE. DISCOVERY OF SHORTAGE SUPPOSED TO BE "FINAL NAIL" CAUSING FALL OF REGIME. ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT ARMS WERE SOLD BY MILITARY SUBORDINATES FOR CASH. ALLEGED KARAMANLIS-MAVROS INVESTIGATION CENTERING ON MILITARY DEPOTS IN ATTICA, LARISSA, AND THESSALONIKI. REPORT OF SCANDAL SAID TO HAVE REACHED U.S. CONGRESS THROUGH DEMETRACOPOULOS.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT MISSION CAN SHED ON ALLEGATIONS. KISSINGER

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